Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) in the Medical Library

Abstract

This lecture course focuses on the Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) and its use in medical libraries.   Students will be introduced to basic PDA hardware and software concepts. Resources for learning more about this technology will be demonstrated and discussed. In addition, health care applications will be discussed in depth, including tools to assist health care professionals in their work, as well as information resources for the PDA. Finally, library-specific applications and resources will be discussed.

Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- identify the basic hardware and software components of personal digital assistants (PDAs)
- discuss resources for finding PDA applications, accessories, and support
- identify principle types of health sciences applications available for PDAs
- locate resources for identifying and reviewing current health sciences applications for PDAs
- discuss potential library-specific applications for PDAs

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